

REMARKS

This Amendment Accompanying Request For Continued Examination further amends the claims as set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR 1.116 filed by Applicants on 21 November 2003, that were granted entry by the Examiner in an Advisory Action dated 23 December 2003.

Claims 1-8 and 13-19 as amended by the Amendment After Final Rejection of 21 November 2003 are present in this application. The present Amendment amends Claims 1, cancels Claims 9-15, without prejudice, and adds Claims 20-26. Accordingly, upon the entry of the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1-8, and 16-26 will constitute the claims under active prosecution in this application.

A version of the claims as they will stand upon the entry of the foregoing Amendment is set forth hereinabove as required by the Rules.

Applicants respectfully submit that the new limitation added to Claim 1, i.e., “said moving apparatus has means for moving backward by one fluttering motion”, is fully supported by the present specification as filed (see, for example page 19, second and fourth full paragraphs), and is not anticipated or otherwise unpatentable under Title 35 of the United States Code.

Similarly, Applicants respectfully submit that the limitation of Claim 1, “said moving means has means for modifying the relationship between the position of the center of gravity thereof and the plane of fluttering motion” is fully supported by the present specification as filed (see, for example page 18, lines 7 to 11, and page 20, lines 14 to 23 second and fourth full paragraphs), and is not anticipated or otherwise unpatentable under Title 35 of the United States Code.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application in response to this Amendment and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination is respectfully requested.

Finally, Applicants believe that additional fees are not required in connection with the consideration of this response to the currently outstanding Official Action. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105**, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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